

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1007**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Nakano**

February 20, 2003

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An act to amend and repeal Section 1601.1 of, and to repeal Section 1601.5 of, the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentistry.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1007, as introduced, Nakano. Dentistry.

Existing law provides for a Dental Board of California consisting of 14 members and includes eight practicing dentists. Existing law defines a “practicing dentist” to include a faculty member of a dental college or dental department of a medical college located in the state.

This bill would revise the board membership to include 7 dentists in active practice and one dentist who is a faculty member, and would specify a minimum of 4 would be in the full-time practice of general dentistry, and a maximum of 3 may be dentists who practice in a specialty accredited by the American Dental Association. The bill would make related conforming changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1601.1 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code, as added by Section 2 of Chapter 625 of the Statutes of 2001,
- 3 is amended to read:
- 4 1601.1. (a) There shall be in the Department of Consumer
- 5 Affairs the Dental Board of California in which the administration

1 of this chapter is vested. The board shall consist of ~~eight practicing~~  
2 *seven dentists in active practice, one dentist who is a faculty*  
3 *member of a dental college or a dental department of a medical*  
4 *college in the state*, one registered dental hygienist, one registered  
5 dental assistant, and four public members. Of the ~~eight~~ *seven*  
6 practicing dentists, ~~one shall be a member of a faculty of any~~  
7 ~~California dental college and one shall be a dentist practicing in a~~  
8 ~~nonprofit community clinic~~ *a minimum of four shall be in the*  
9 *full-time practice of general dentistry, and a maximum of three*  
10 *may be dentists who practice in any specialty accredited by the*  
11 *American Dental Association*. The appointing powers, described  
12 in Section 1603, may appoint to the board a person who was a  
13 member of the prior board. The board shall be organized into  
14 standing committees dealing with examinations, enforcement, and  
15 other subjects as the board deems appropriate.

16 (b) For purposes of this chapter, any reference in this chapter  
17 to the Board of Dental Examiners shall be deemed to refer to the  
18 Dental Board of California.

19 (c) The board shall have all authority previously vested in the  
20 existing board under this chapter. The board may enforce all  
21 disciplinary actions undertaken by the previous board.

22 (d) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2002.

23 (e) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2004, and,  
24 as of January 1, 2005, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute that  
25 is enacted before January 1, 2005, deletes or extends the dates on  
26 which it becomes inoperative and is repealed. The repeal of this  
27 section renders the board subject to the review required by  
28 Division 1.2 (commencing with Section 473).

29 SEC. 2. Section 1601.1 of the Business and Professions Code,  
30 as added by Section 2.5 of Chapter 532 of the Statutes of 2001, is  
31 repealed.

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34 ~~of this chapter is vested. The board shall consist of eight practicing~~  
35 ~~dentists, one registered dental hygienist, one registered dental~~  
36 ~~assistant, and four public members. Of the eight practicing~~  
37 ~~dentists, one shall be a member of a faculty of any California dental~~  
38 ~~college and one shall be a dentist practicing in a nonprofit~~  
39 ~~community clinic. The appointing powers, described in Section~~  
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16 ~~Division 1.2 (commencing with Section 473).~~

17 SEC. 3. ~~Section 1601.5 of the Business and Professions Code~~  
18 ~~is repealed.~~

19 ~~1601.5. For purposes of Section 1601, “practicing dentist”~~  
20 ~~includes a member of a faculty of any dental college or dental~~  
21 ~~department of any medical college in the State of California.~~

